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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

GEORGIA-PACIFIC CONSUMER
PRODUCTS LP,

Plaintiff,

v.

LEE'S GENERAL TOYS, INC; and
JOHN LEE,

Defendants.

CASE 3-07-CV-002391-JAH-POR

**EX PARTE APPLICATION OF
HANEY, BUCHANAN &
PATTERSON, LLP FOR
APPROVAL OF SUBSTITUTION
OF ATTORNEY REQUEST;
DECLARATION OF STEVEN H.
HANEY IN SUPPORT THEREOF**

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Before the Hon. John A. Houston

TO ALL PARTIES AND TO THEIR COUNSEL OF RECORD:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Defendant Lee's General Toys, Inc. and John Lee, and the Law Firm of Haney, Buchanan & Patterson, LLP, hereby jointly request that this Court enter an Order approving the Substitution of Counsel form which is attached as an Exhibit, to the Declaration of Steven H. Haney.

GOOD CAUSE EXISTS for the instant *ex parte* application on the grounds that the defendant clients have indicated their dissatisfaction with their prior law firm and have requested, through the attached Substitution of Attorney form, that new counsel be substituted in place and instead of their prior counsel.

An exigency exists in this case because of the fact that certain deadlines have been established which defendants must comply with including, but not limited to, a responsive to the pending document request which is due on April 15, 2008, as well as the upcoming Rule 26 obligations of the parties.

This *ex parte* application is based on the attached Declaration of Steven H. Haney filed concurrently herewith.

DATED: April 10, 2008

HANEY, BUCHANAN & PATTERSON, LLP

By: 

Steven H. Haney
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DECLARATION OF STEVEN H. HANEY

I, Steven H. Haney, declare:

1. I am an attorney licensed to practice law before all Courts in the State of California, including the Court for the Southern District of the United States District Court in San Diego, California, and a partner in the law firm of Haney, Buchanan & Patterson, LLP. I have personal knowledge of the following facts and, if called as a witness, could and would testify competently thereto under oath.

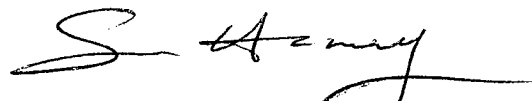
2. Attached hereto is the Substitution of Attorney form which has been executed by the defendants, John Lee, individually and on behalf of Lee's General Toys, Inc, Defendants' former counsel and myself.

3. The Substitution of Attorney request is being submitted by the defendants based on their lack of confidence in their prior counsel, and because they have requested and I have agreed to represent them in this matter.

4. An exigency exists for the approval of the Substitution of Attorney request in that General Toys' response the Plaintiff's Request for Production of Documents is due on April 15, 2008, and Plaintiff's counsel have indicated that no further extensions will be granted to comply with that date. Additionally, the parties have upcoming Rule 26 Conference obligations which will require that Defendants counsel be in place as quickly as possible.

5. Attached hereto as Exhibit "1" is a fully executed copy of the Substitution of Attorney form. On behalf of Defendants, and my firm, I hereby respectfully request that the Court approve this request for substitution of counsel.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed on April 10, 2008 at Los Angeles, California.



Steven H. Haney

EXHIBIT "1"

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SUBSTITUTION OF ATTORNEY

Defendant(s)

Lee's General Toys, Inc. and John Lee

Name of Party

☐ Plaintiff ☒ Defendant ☐ Other

hereby substitutes Steven H. Haney

who is

☒ Retained Counsel

☐ Court Appointed Counsel

☐ Pro Per

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as attorney of record in the place and stead of Ronald Martinetti

Present Attorney

Dated: April 7, 2008

John Lee, ind., and for Lee's General

I have given proper notice pursuant to Local Rule 83-2.9.2 and further consent to the above substitution.

Dated: April 7, 2008

Ronald Martinetti

Signature of Present Attorney

I am duly admitted to practice in this District pursuant to Local Rule 83-2.8.

Dated: April 7, 2008

Steven H. Haney

Signature of New Attorney

Substitution of Attorney is hereby ☐ Approved. ☐ Denied.

Dated:

United States District Judge / Magistrate Judge

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SUBSTITUTION OF ATTORNEY

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PROOF OF SERVICE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action. My business address is 707 Wilshire Boulevard, 53rd Floor, Los Angeles, California 90017. On April 9, 2008, I served the foregoing document described as

SUBSTITUTION OF ATTORNEY on the interested parties in this action by placing a true copy thereof enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed as follows:

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☒ **BY MAIL AS FOLLOWS:** The envelope was mailed with postage thereon fully prepaid. I am "readily familiar" with the firm's practice of collection and processing correspondence for mailing. Under that practice it would be deposited with the U.S. postal service on that same day with postage thereon fully prepaid at Los Angeles, California in the ordinary course of business. I am aware that on motion of the party served, service is presumed invalid if the postal cancellation date or postage meter date is more than one day after service of deposit for mailing in affidavit.

☐ **BY WEBSITE POSTING:** I caused such document to be posted upon the Website.

☐ **BY PERSONAL SERVICE:** I caused such envelope to be delivered by hand to the offices of the addressees stated above.

☐ **BY OVERNIGHT COURIER:** I caused the above-referenced document(s) to be delivered to Federal Express for delivery to the above address(es).

☐ **BY FACSIMILE MACHINE:** The foregoing document was transmitted to **Manning & Marder** by facsimile transmission from (213) 228-6501 on said date and the transmission was reported as complete and without error.

Executed on April 9, 2008, at Los Angeles, California.

☐ (State) I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.

☒ (Federal) I declare that I am employed in the office of a member of the bar of this court at whose direction the service was made.

PAMELA POWELL
Type or Print Name

Signature